Statement-II

Projects sanctioned to the state of Orissa in 2007-2008

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	Name of Project/Scheme	Amount sanctioned
1.	Development of Orissa Tourism information Portal under the scheme of Information Technology	42.50
2.	Development of Mahanadi Central Heritage, Distt. Cuttack under Destination Development Scheme	393.75
3.	Development of Kapilas-Joranda-Saptasajya as a tourist destination in Orissa	287.84
4.	Development of Sonapur-Khandapara-Narsinghpur-Cuttack-Paradeep as Tourist Circuit in Orissa	463.60
5.	Development of Harishankar-Nrusinghnath-Ranipurjarial as Tourist Circuit in Orissa	65021
6.	Development of Silk Route Circuit in Ganjam as Tourist destination	431.15
7.	Organising of All India Paika Akhada Exhibition Utsav—2008	5.00
8.	Golden Beach Festival at Chandipur-on-Sea, 2008	3.00
9.	Gurukul of Konark Natya Manadap, Konark, Distt. Puri	50.00
	Total	2327.05

Tourism infrastructure for World Heritage Sites in the country

***280.** SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

whether her Ministry has identified creation of tourism infrastructure at World Heritage Sites as a priority and efforts are being made to have better coordination with the Ministries of Civil Aviation, Railways, Surface Transport and Urban Development and respective State Governments to execute these projects expeditiously;

whether her Ministry has discussed the issue with Prime Minister on the areas where better coordination was required among various Central Ministries for promotion of tourism and betterment of related infrastructure in the country; and

what are the concrete steps and measures taken to facelift the World Heritage Sites in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATIAMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism is a Member of the Committee on Infrastructure chaired by the Prime Minister.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects for improvement of infrastructurement at tourist places in the country including monuments at World Heritage sites like Agra, Bodhgaya, Delhi, Fatehpur Sikri, Hampi, Khajuraho, Mamallapuram and Sanchi.

A media campaign to promote the World Heritage Sites in the domestic market was launched in 2006-07. The Ministry of Tourism also promotes and publicises World Heritage Sites through campaigns in the print, internet and electronic media. In addition, Ministry of Tourism is running a Social Awareness Campaign against graffiti and garbage at tourist sites/monuments including World Heritage Sites.